

RESIDENTIAL AIDS LICENSED FACILITIES PROGRAM

Program Description:

The Residential AIDS Licensed Facilities (RALF) Program is located within the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (OA), HIV Care Branch, CARE Section. The intent of the RALF Program is to provide or maintain adequate residential care for persons living with HIV/AIDS who are in need of high levels of care and treatment services, with emphasis on the needs of the HIV-positive homeless population.

Background:

The RALF Program was established through legislation in 1999. The intent is to provide an ongoing subsidy in an effort to provide or maintain adequate residential care for persons living with HIV/AIDS who are in need of high levels of care and treatment services, with emphasis on the needs of the homeless population with HIV.

Legislation enacted by Assembly Bill 2352 (Jackson, Chapter 121, Statutes of 2004) authorized Residential Care Facility for Chronically Ill (RCFCIs) to allow persons with non-HIV/AIDS chronic, life-threatening illnesses to become residents of an RCFCI. However, RALF funds administered by OA are not available to subsidize beds occupied by non-HIV residents.

Program Goals:

The RALF Program annually supports the provision of over 87,000 bed nights for persons living with HIV/AIDS, which allows them to remain in a residential setting as opposed to transferring to a hospital or nursing facility.

Contact Information:

- For information about HIV/AIDS, call: *California AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD) or see Web site: www.AIDShotline.org.
- For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California AIDS Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at Web site: www.hivinfo.org.
- For information on facility licensing, see the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Web site: www.cclid.ca.gov.
- For more information on OA's mission, programs, and other helpful resources, see Web site: www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS.

